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CHARLES R.

MY Lords and Gentlemen: By Our Letter to You at Your first Meeting, and what was then said by Our Commissioner, You were abundantly informed of the earnestness of Our desire, to have these Our two Kingdoms brought into a strict *Union*: which indeed hath been long in Our thoughts and wishes. And, although We have already made known to Our Commissioner, by a Letter Writ with Our Own Hand, Our Approbation and good Esteem of his Service; and, to all Our good Subjects, by Publishing Our Letter to You, his Speech, and Your Answer,

the reality of Our Satisfaction in Your Hearty and Ready Compliance with Our Pleasure: We have thought fit by this to give you a further Testimony thereof, and of Our kind Acceptance of Your Deference to Us; the Confidence you have in Us, and the Advance you have made towards the Union, in consenting to a Treaty, and offering to Our Choice the Persons; their Number; the Time and the Place for Treating about it: For which, and for the Good Lawes you have made, especially those two relating to Our Supremacy, and Militia, We give You hereby Our Hearty Thanks. And, that you may the better judge of the Value We have of your Confidence in Us, We do assure you, that We attribute your forwardness in this Matter to your Affection to Us; the regard you have to the Advantages which We shew you will thereby accrue to Our Crown, and to your desire of the Common Welfare of this Island, and not to any particular benefit you expect to that Our ancient Kingdom, by the Union We proposed: All which would certainly increase the Good will we bear you, and Our other good Subjects there, if it were possible. We must likewise Acquaint You, that whereas you may possibly conceive, that

Our Houses of Parliament here might by this time have taken into their Consideration what we said to them concerning the Union; they have been hitherto, and they may be yet for some time, so taken up with most Important and Pressing Affairs which must precede it, that We cannot think fit to minde them of it, but do refer them to their own Method, because We would not interrupt them, nor seem to imagine they need to be again minded of what We have already seriously recommended to them, not doubting they will in Course take it into Consideration.

Mean time, because the other things concerning which We Instructed Our Commissioner, and such as relate onely to the good of that Our Kingdom, may be brought to a conclusion before Our Houses here have entred upon the *Union*, it will be fit you Separate for some time; And, We make no doubt but you will when you meet again, bring with you the same Affection to Us and Our Service you have hitherto so Constantly and Unanimously expresst. We have in all particulars fully instructed Our Commissioner; and so We bid you very Heartily Farewell.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall *the* 9th *Day of* December 1669, *and in the One and Twentieth Year of Our Reign.*

The ANSWER of the Parliament of Scotland, to His Majesties Letter.

Most Sacred SOVERAIGN;

THe many renewed Expressions of Your Majesties Care and Kindness to this your ancient Kingdom, are so far above what We can Merit, That We acknowledge We are not able to make any suitable Return. And Your Majesties Gracious acceptance of Our Endeavours to serve You since Our meeting together, So fully Exprest in Your Letter of the 9th of this Month, hath so Overjoyed Us, That we are enforced again to Trouble Your Majesty with the renewing of a Most Humble Tender from Our Selves, and the Body of this Kingdom whom we represent, of Our Lives and Fortunes in every Cause wherein Your Majesties Person, Authority, Honour or Greatness may be concerned.

The Earl of Lauderdail *Your Majesties Commissioner, by whose Prudence and Presence We have been greatly assisted and encouraged in Our Service in Your Parliament, And whose Eminent Abilities, and Faithfulness, do recommend Him to Your Majesties special Favour, Will give Your Ma-*

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jesty a full Account of Our Proceedings; And being now by Your Majesties Appointment to separate for some time, We are to carry with Us Hearts Troubled with the due Sence of these allurances of Your Majesties Unparalel'd Grace and Goodness to this Kingdom, which We resolve to Communicate and publish to Your Subjects in the Counties where We Live; And at the time which Your Majesty hath appointed for Our meeting again, We will Return with firm Resolutions, That our Actings shall evidence to the World Our grateful Sence of Your Majesties Favour and Kindness, and that it is Our great Ambition to serve Your Majesty, the best of Kings, with that Duty and Loyalty which may become the best of Subjects. We have appointed these Presents to be signed by Your Chancellor, President of Parliament, In name of

Most Sacred SOVERAIGN,

YOUR MAJESTIES

Most Faithful, Most Obedient,

and Most Humble

Subjects and Servants.

Rothes, Cancel. I. P. D. Par.

Edenburg, 23. Decemb. 1669.

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THis day divers Acts were past in Parliament, and touched with the Royal Scepter, some of Publick, and others of private Concern; And after a handsome Speech, his Grace the Lord Commissioner, did adjourn the Parliament to the 8th of June next. The Publick Acts past this Session of Parliament are

1. Act asserting His Majesties supremacy over all persons, and in all Causes, Ecclesiastical.
2. Act Concerning the Militia.
3. Act for Registration of Instruments of Resignation *ad remanentiam*.
4. Act Concerning poynding before the dayes of the Charge expire.
5. Act for security of the persons of Ministers.
6. Act for the ordering of suspensions touching the Benefices and Stipends of the Clergie.
7. Act for the naturalization of Strangers.
8. Act concerning Suits.
9. Act concerning Prescriptions.
10. Act concerning Interruptions.
11. Act concerning the forfaulture of persons in the late Rebellion.
12. Act for the ready and orderly Collecting of the Excise and Customes.
13. Act for annexation of Orkney and Zetland to the Crowne.
14. Act for [illegible] the Exportation of Cornes.
15. Act for regulating the prices of Ale and drinking Beer, and Malt making.
16. Act for the repairing of High wayes and Bridges.
17. Act anent Inclosing of Grounds.
18. Act concerning Adjudications.
19. Act concerning the Confirmation and Quots of Testaments.
20. Act for Inbringing of Publick dewes from the Northern Shires.
21. Act *Salvo Jure cujuslibet*.
22. Act for Adjournment.

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